

**REMARKS**

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed June 11, 2004 (paper no. 0504). Applicant thanks Examiner Gordon for the allowance of claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-12, 14, and 15 and his indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4, 8-9, 13, and 16-19. Claims 20-24 have been canceled without prejudice. In response to the Office Action, Applicant has amended claims 4, 8-9, 13, 16, and 19 to address minor informalities and typographical errors. By way of these amendments, no new matter has been added. No claims have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-19 remain pending in this application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

I. Objection to claims 4, 8-9, 13, 16, and 19

The Office Action objected to claim 4 because of the following informality:

In claim 4, "the cargo area" should read --a cargo area--. Applicant has amended claim 4 by replacing "the cargo area" with "a cargo area."

The Office Action objected to claim 8 because of the following informality:

In claim 8, "cylindrical" should read --cylinder--. Applicant has amended claim 8 by replacing "cylindrical" with "cylinder."

The Office Action objected to claim 9 because of the following informality:

In claim 9, "the deflection" and "the tab" should read --a deflection-- and --a tab--. Applicant has amended claim 9 by replacing "the deflection" with "a deflection" and replacing "the tab" with "a tab." Additionally, applicant has inserted --which-- after "ribs" to clarify the claim.

The Office Action objected to claim 13 because of the following informality:

Re claim 13, the claim should end in a period. Applicant has amended claim 13 by adding a period at the end of the claim.

The Office Action objected to claim 16 because of the following informality:

Re claim 16, --tab-- should be inserted after "each" of line 9 for added clarity. In line 22, "the deflection" should be --deflection-- for added clarity. Applicant has amended claim 16 by inserting "tab" after "each" of line 9. Applicant has also replaced "the deflection" with "deflection" for added clarity. Additionally, applicant has inserted "which" after "portion" in line 19 to clarify the claim.

The Office Action objected to claim 19 because of the following informality:

Re claim 19, the claim should end in a period. Applicant has amended claim 19 by adding a period at the end of the claim.

Applicant has amended claims 4, 8-9, 13, 16, and 19 to address minor informalities and typographical issues, and this amendment was made for clarification and not for the purpose of amending claim scope. Applicant respectfully submits that this claim is in allowable form. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

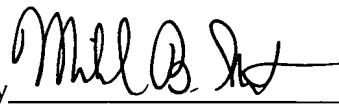
## II. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

It is believed that any additional fees due with respect to this paper are identified in the accompanying transmittal. However, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this paper, permission is given to charge account number 18-0013 in the name of Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC.

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Attachments

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**REPLACEMENT SHEETS**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The Office Action presented objections to the drawings filed 7-29-2003 because they are informal. The proposed drawing corrections are attached to this response showing the required correction.

The attached sheets of drawings include formal drawings replacing the informal drawings.

Attachment: Replacement sheet  
Annotated sheet showing changes

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**ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGE**

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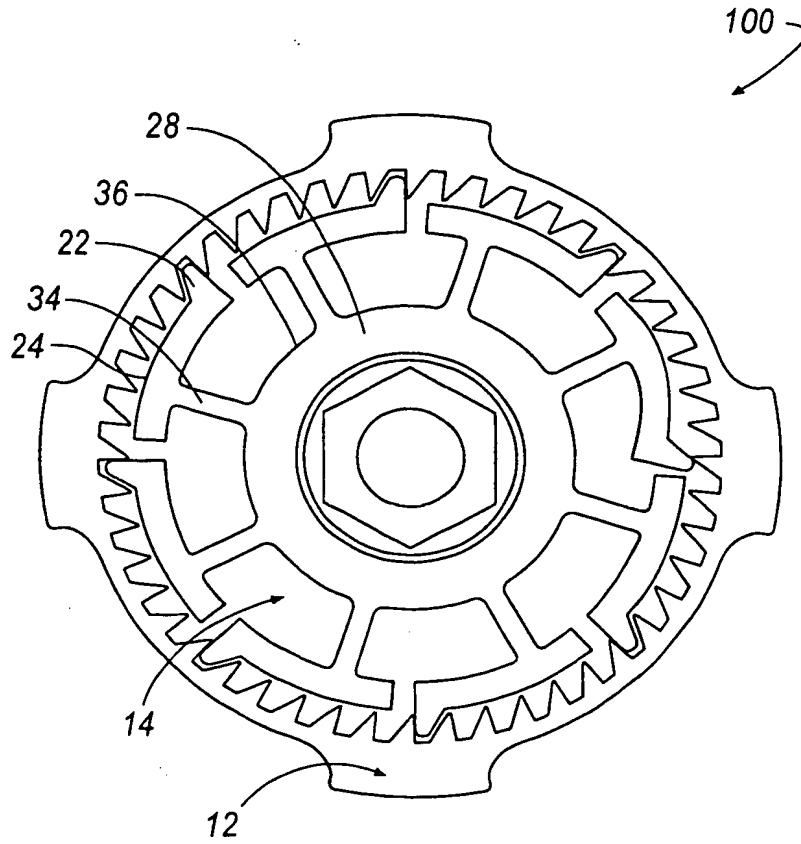


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